give evidence before the retrenchment committee that there is a post of which the pay could be reduced?

Appointment—Sergeants in the Reserve Police—Rules regarding.

158. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is not a rule or practice that only young and very energetic men will be entertained as Sergeants in the Reserve Police;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, whether the said rule or practice had been deviated from either in 1111 or 1112?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).— (a) No.

(b) No answer is required in view of the answer to (a).

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Adur*).—Does the Police Commissioner mean to say that the practice is against energetic young men being recruited to the Police Department?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—Government do not think that only young men are energetic.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—Is there not a circular to the effect that only energetic men will be recruited to the reserve police?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—If the Hon'ble Member is pleased to amend that question like that I will answer Yes.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ (*Ezhuvas North*).— സർജൻറ്സിനെ നിയമിക്കുന്നതു് എന്തിനെ അടിസ്ഥാനപ്പെടുത്തിയാണു്?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—I refer the Hon'ble Member's attention to the Police Munual.

Murder cases—1112—Particulars regarding.

159 Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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